

# Spring

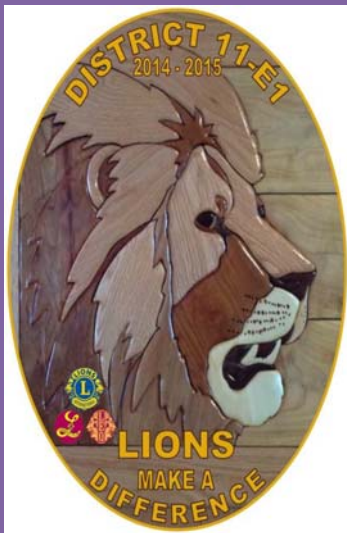
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# DISTRICT LIONS 11 E1

May 2015

NEW MEMBERS

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Lion Mary Lou / DG Pete

## GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Membership is going well!! Keep up the good job of “Strengthening the Pride”. We have six clubs that are in contention for the Governor’s Challenge Dinner (See article). Congratulations to the Onekama Lions Club on their 48<sup>th</sup> Charter Night celebration. When DGE Pam takes over in July, Onekama will have had five District Governors from their club. Leadership is so important at the club and District level. Lions are not only “Service” but “Leadership” – get involved!

It is time to be thinking about Peace Posters for next fall. We had about 50 children participate this year and had some wonderful presentations. Talk to your school art teacher and get your club involved. The theme for the coming year is “Share Peace”.

US/Canada Forum Sept. 17-19 is in Grand Rapids. The next deadline for a savings on your registration is May 31. This year there will be three days of seminars and great motivational speakers. This is our opportunity to show Lions in the US/Canada our vision of Michigan Lionism.

Late April and May is White Cane time for all clubs. The official week is May 11-17, however, we need to schedule the event to fit our Lions. White Cane is a symbol of independence for some people. For Lions it is one of our easiest fundraisers and an opportunity to approach our community about our Services and Membership opportunities. Take an advantage to be involved and to talk Lionism.

Nepal is on the minds of all people right now as the death toll rises and they have a major medical and housing crisis. Lion Club International Foundation has sent \$100,000 to Lions in Nepal. However, the need is great. If your club or you as an individual Lion can help financially, please send your donation designated for Nepal to LCIF.

It is so nice to have spring at our front door and the opportunity to start our Spring/Summer fundraisers. “Lions Make A Difference”

let’s involve our communities.

DG Pete

## AWARDS



Bear Lake Lions  
C. G. Schindler  
Unsung Hero Award



Bear Lake Lions  
Friendship Award  
Breanda Monk



Manistee Lions Club  
John Mencarelli  
Unsung Hero

## DISTRICT 11 E1 NEWSLETTER



1<sup>st</sup> VDG Pam Schroeder and  
PDG Dan Gibbons



Lion Jim Walls receives the  
Grand Master Membership Key



### 2<sup>ND</sup> VDG 'S MESSAGE

Spring has sprung and we are getting our officers set up for the 2015 - 2016 year. When you send the information to LCI which is the PU101, PLEASE

also send a copy to me via email or snail mail. I want to be able to work on the roster book, but need your information. We will be including Treasurers in the roster book. Thank You!

We are working on the Officers Training for your clubs. Your Zone chair will let you know where and when these will be held. Be sure to get your incoming Officers to attend, even if you have held the office previously. There are always new things to learn. We will train Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Membership Chairs, but ALL are welcome to attend.

Dates set thus far:

April 28	Reg. 3	Zone 2
May 6	Reg. 2	Zone 1
13	Reg. 2	Zone 2
18	Reg. 2	Zone 3
27	Reg. 1	Zones 1 and 2
June 4	Reg. 3	Zone 1

Looking forward to seeing all the officers and getting to know them.

Pam Schroeder

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On April 20th during the Stanwood Lions meeting IPDG Tim Anderson had the honor of surprising PDG Lion Jim Walls with a Grand Master Key from LCI marking his bringing in of 50+ new members during his years in Lions.

Membership has always been important to Lion Jim, working hard and serving twice as District Governor in 11-B2 (1985-1986 & 2002-2003) he showed growth was possible by ending his year with a gain in membership.

From there PDG Jim went on to lead the state as MD 11 Membership Chairman during which time our state also ended with a plus in Membership.

Most recently Lion Jim has been working as our District GMT and last year helped to form two new clubs the first new growth in the last 10 years within our district. Helping our district to end last year with a 25 year high in new membership.

His own club, the Stanwood Lions have also adding 9 new members in the last year with an additional 3 new member applications being turned in on the night he received this award.

Lion Jim believes growth is not only possible but he goes out and proves it on a regular basis. Congratulation Lion Jim!



## AWARDS

MANISTEE LIONS CLUB  
Friendship Award  
Marianne Blair



Crystal Lions Club  
Unsung Hero Award  
Randy Simmon



Crystal Lions Club  
Friendship Award  
Art Shy



2nd VDG Ron Gibson and his wife  
Barbara

## LIONS AT WORK

SHERIDAN LIONS- Have been busy with Highway clean up. Their clean up area is M 66 south of Sheridan. They collected 12 bags of trash

## 2<sup>ND</sup> VDG RON GIBSON'S MESSAGE

Whatever you do, or did vocationally, as a Lion you are part educator. You do more than help people; you tell people in your community what Lions do. I was reminded of that this last weekend when our club held its annual White Cane Awareness Fundraiser. We set up for two days in front of a local grocery store and help people understand what the law is and how it applies. We have display boards at each entrance and club members to share their knowledge with shoppers. We offer brochures and white canes to the adults and stickers and Lion mints to the kids. We collect a fair amount of money without much effort. And inevitably, we get a nice contribution and thank you from a person that tells us that, years ago, the Lions helped someone in their family when times were tough. We thank our community for their generosity and they thank us for our service.



GREENVILLE LIONS HELP PROVIDE HEALTH SCREENINGS  
The Greenville Lions Club recently partnered with Spectrum Health Hospital and provided free health screenings. They did cholesterol and sugar testing along with other health tests.

# AWARDS



**NORTHPORT LIONS**  
**TY WESSEL**  
 Friendship Award  
**JAN HUNYADY**  
 Unsung Hero Award



**CHIPPEWA LAKE-  
 MECOSTA LIONS**  
 Unsung Hero Awards  
**JOHN AND KARAN  
 NOLLER**



**CHIPPEWA LAKE –  
 MECOSTA LIONS**  
 Friendship Award  
**THOMAS BRINK**



Pictured – left to right: Adrian White, president of SVOSH, Jamie Kuzniar, past president of SVOSH, Bruce Fredrick, BR Lions Club President, and Dr. Dan Wrubel. SVOSH Advisor.

## EDMORE LIONS CLUB SPONSORS FORESTER'S PROJECT

The Edmore Lions Club, in cooperation with the National Arbor Day Foundation sponsored the fourth grade Forester's project with Montabella Community Schools. This is the third year the Lions have participated in this project. The Edmore Club purchased 100 trees, with each student getting a tree to plant and 20 to be planted on school grounds. Picture left: Lion Secretary Erv Moore, Mrs. Carrier, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, students – Seth Baez, Lauren Healy, Alexis Jordan, Andrew Kelsey, Sadie Quackenbush and Harmony Keeler.

## Big Rapids Lions Club – Serving the Community

As part of their continued support of the community, the Big Rapids Lions Club operates the concession stand at Top Taggart Field for all Ferris University and Big Rapids High School home football games. The Michigan School of Optometry SVOSH– (Student Volunteers Optometric Service to Humanity), students volunteer their time and talents in support of this effort and share in the proceeds from the concession stand. At a recent Big Rapids Lions Club meeting, students from SVOSH were presented a check for \$1400 for their continue support. I



## HARRISON LIONS CLUB

Harrison Lions recently partnered with CMU Carl's Hearing Clinic to screen children's eyes and provide them with hearing tests. This was a part of the Paula Pirnstill Health Fair in Farwell.



Lion Karla Roebuck – District Information Technology/ Webmaster/ Social Media Chair, Helping Lions with their computer training at the District Convention,







**LEO ADVISERS  
AWARDS**  
Lion Duwane Heffner  
Lion Paula Smith  
Bear Lake Leos



**Manistee Lions Club  
President  
Rose Sweigart  
accepts a Club  
Service Award**



Leader Dog construction on the new kennels can use your support. Michigan Lions support one of the best Leader Dog programs in the world. If you haven't made a donation to this excellent program, they can use your club's help.

**Canine Development Center Update:**

April is here, the weather has started to cooperate and construction is in full swing. Every day brings visible progress on the outside of the building as the masonry, roof line and overhangs take shape.

Less apparent, but just as important, is the work being done on the inside of the building where offices, entrance areas, dog runs and corridors are going up fast. Frank Rewold & Son, the construction managers, and the construction team are working hard to make up for time lost over the winter. There have been days where 50 or more people have been on the job site. It is a hub of activity with the HVAC installers, electricians, plumbers, masons and carpenters all working to complete the puppy area and the lobby. The concrete for the floors is 70% poured and should be completed very soon. As with any project of this size and complexity, we face challenges on a daily basis but we have great momentum and the project is moving along very well.



**Robotics Team Visits Coleman Lions Club**

On Monday, April 6, Coleman Lions had the opportunity to learn about the Coleman High School Robotics team and to observe this year's creation. Coach Pete Cauchy and team members Ken Ranck, Kyle Moore and Quim Serra demonstrated their robots ability to lift and move a tote. This year's challenge for teams was stacking totes.

Coleman's Robotics team is in its second year. The team has ten members and two mentors. Some of the other teams they competed with were much larger and have participated for up to 18 years. Each team's robot must be entirely designed and built by the students. Ken said they hope to involve more students as well as adult advisors next year.

Pictured on the right side: Coleman Lions, Starr Leos and family members cleaned up a section of US 10 near M 18. The group collected 35 trash bags of garbage and a number of cans and bottles. The group enjoyed a pizza party after their work.

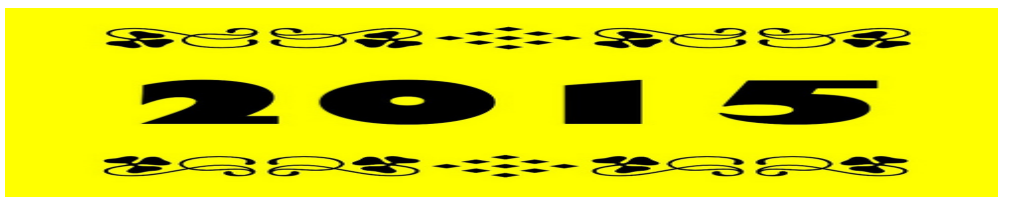


**MANISTEE LIONS CLUB**  
Richard Veine  
40 years of service



**CHIPPEWA LAKE – MECOSTA LIONS**  
Robert Roebuck and Jim Kistler receive Service Awards

**NORTHPORT LIONS**  
Patricia De Young and Richard Lancy receive Service Awards



## 11 E1 DISTRICT MAY CALENDAR

### Officer Training Sessions

**Wednesday, May 6 – Reg. 2 Zone 1**

**Wednesday, May 13 – Reg. 2 Zone 2**

**Monday, May 18 – Reg. 2 Zone 3**

**Wednesday, May 27 – Reg. 1 Zones 1 and 2**

**May 15 – 16, ROAR LIKE THE 20'S**

**MD 11 LIONS STATE CONVENTION**

**Doubletree Hotel, Holland, MI**

We are bombarded with letters and calls at home for charitable donations. Our Lions International, State, and District projects don't call but really need our support. They prepare a budget for their organizations each year with a projected contribution column. They really need us for support! We have made a commitment to them by indicating their organization as our project. The amount isn't as important as the support, moral and financial, that we give them. Each of our organizations was chosen because they make a difference in people lives. That is what we are about serving our communities. If your club hasn't contributed to one of the projects, suggest even a small contribution. Lions International Foundation has been stretched with all the world-wide requests for help. Leader Dog, Eversight, Bear Lake, Lions Michigan Foundation and Kidsight are all outstanding organizations. They SERVE! Let's help them do the outstanding job that they perform. Let's support all these organizations with club donations.



## GOVERNOR'S CHALLENGE

"Governor's Challenge" for 2014-15 is dinner for the entire Lions club. This is for the club that brings in the most new members by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. If several clubs are tied at the June 1, date, the contest will be extended until July 1, to break the tie. All clubs participating. Leaders to date: Crossroads Lions – 6, Luther – 6; Arcadia – 5, Greenville -5; Coleman 4, Fremont 4, Harrison 4, Kaleva 4, Manistee 4, Stanwood - 4. Keep up the good work. Best of Luck to all Lions Clubs in District 11 E1.





## SHACK SINKS IN CADILLAC



Cadillac Lions "Shack" has officially sunk! After reviewing the recording the official time was declared as Thursday April 2nd 3:44:56pm.

The Winners of this year's 2015 Sink the "Shack" are \$1000 - Christina Anderson of Cadillac with the guess of 4/2/15 3:46 PM

\$200 - James Love of San Antonio, TX with the guess of 4/2/15 4:00 PM

Congratulations to our winners and THANK YOU to all those who purchased a ticket and made a guess, it's with your help we are able to serve our community!

Christina Anderson was presented her \$1000 check by Cadillac Lions President Harry Engels at the clubs April 7th meeting.

Our Eco-Friendly Fundraiser is complete, the "Shack" has been retrieved from the lake and put into storage for the summer waiting for the ice to return next year so it can help the Lions raise money to help the good people of Cadillac once again!



## WORLDWIDE WEEK OF SERVICE

Lions Clubs International has proclaimed the month of May as Special Projects month. Lions International President Joe Preston is encouraging all Lions Clubs around the world to be involved in a Week of Service Projects beyond what is on your agenda. He would like the emphasis to be on children, if possible.

Many clubs begin their projects and fundraiser in May and are tied up. However, here is a chance for each club to try a project that they have been thinking about and not had an opportunity to try. It is, also, an opportunity to expand one of your existing projects.



MIDLAND LIONS CLUB  
DG Pete inducted Lion John Clever (center) at the last meeting. John was asked twice to join by his sponsor Lion Mike Hoy. Don't give up! Lion Sandy House gave a Sightfirst presentation to the club with her team. Left to right: Lions David Heying, Ollie Juengel, Dick Ivan, Roger Frazer, Dick Bukowski, Eldon Dean and Sandy House.

